

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 12/13/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16. They have been renumbered as claims 1,2,4-8,3,and 9-16 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 3/4/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Farrell on 3/5/05.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 9 has been rewritten as the following:

9. (Currently Amended) A method for recording custom settings on an audio amplification system, or components thereof, the method comprising:

a) providing a removable template for recording custom settings on an audio amplification system, or components thereof, the audio amplification system, or components thereof, having a control panel, comprising a plurality of rotating control knobs on rotating spindles, the template comprising a template blank shaped for accommodation by the amplifier control panel, the template blank having cut-outs or bores facilitating the application of the template to the amplifier control panel, over the control knobs or rotating spindles thereby surrounding the control knob or rotating spindles and providing a full 360 degree field surrounding the control knob for the direct marking of control knob settings directly in a full 360 degree field around the control knobs [and the subsequent operation of said

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control panel, the template blank further comprising a surface for marking control settings and related indicia;] and

b) marking the removable template with a writing instrument to record preferred custom amplifier settings, and related indicia.

At the end of p. 1, the following statement has been added:--

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

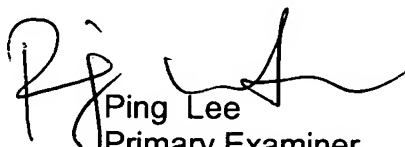
FIG. 1 shows the removal template according to this invention.--

3. The amendment for claim 9 is necessary to overcome 102 rejections as indicated in the final rejection mailed on 6/16/04. The amendment for claim 9 added the limitations similar to those in claim 1. The amendment for the specification corrects the minor informality.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ping Lee whose telephone number is 703-305-4865. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sinh N Tran can be reached on 703-305-4040. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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